



**USDA Forest Service  
Natural Resource Specialist GS-0401/0807-12/13  
Sawtooth National Forest**

**Duty Location:** Twin Falls, ID

**Organizational Unit:** R4 - Sawtooth National Forest, Supervisor's Office.

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**This position will be advertised on the USAJOBS website, [www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com) on about December 20, 2013.** It is the intent of the Forest to advertise specific to the unit and position, as opposed to an open continuous recruitment. The position will be advertised as merit promotion. Applicants must locate these announcements in the USAJOBS website and follow the How To Apply procedures. The closing dates will be shown on the announcements; however we anticipate requesting a referral list on about January 20, 2014. Outreach respondents will be notified when the announcement is posted.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION** - This position serves as the Recreation, Lands, and Information Resources Staff Officer for the Sawtooth National Forest, responsible for providing overall leadership, supervision, coordination, planning, and direction for these primary programs on the Forest.

These program areas cover all aspects of recreation, lands and information resources. From the congressionally designated Sawtooth National Recreation Area and the Sawtooth Wilderness to high motorized use and urban interface areas, the program of work provides opportunities that make this position both challenging and highly rewarding.

As a member of the Forest Leadership Team, the incumbent fully participates in the evaluation of overall Forest programs, policies, procedures, and management of a complex national forest. This provides good opportunity to effect strategic planning efforts and implement activities to accomplish strategic objectives. This position supervises several employees at the forest staff level. As a supervisor the incumbent will have the opportunity to supervise employees in a way that helps them be successful through setting priorities and objectives, meeting goals and accomplishing assignments.

**Sawtooth National Forest** - The 2.1 million acre Sawtooth National Forest is divided into four management units – the Minidoka, Ketchum and Fairfield Ranger Districts and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Elevations range from 4,513 to 12,009 feet above sea level offering a great variety of land forms and vegetation. The Forest extends from northern Utah to the Salmon River country in Idaho. More than 2 million visitor days of recreation occur annually on the Forest with four downhill ski areas, including the world-premiere Bald Mountain Ski Area at Sun Valley. The Forest administers the 217,088-acre Sawtooth Wilderness in addition to three other areas, totaling more than 270,700 acres, recommended for wilderness classification. The Forest provides habitat to 10 listed T & E Species, 17 Sensitive Wildlife & Fish Species and 36 Sensitive Plant Species. Approximately 5 million board feet of timber are offered annually. There are approximately 120 permanent/full-time employees on the Forest in addition to 100 seasonal employees.

**Twin Falls** - The City of Twin Falls is located in south central Idaho. Twin Falls is a two hour drive from Boise (the state capitol) to the west, an hour and a half from Pocatello to the east, and a 3 ½ hour drive south to Salt Lake City, Utah. Twin Falls is located at a high-desert elevation of 3,745 feet above sea level and sits on the south rim of the 500-foot deep Snake River Canyon. The population of Twin Falls is approximately 40,000.

**Climate** - Residents of this City enjoy a very distinct four-season climate. Daytime highs in July are about 91 degrees with overnight lows of 54. January temperatures typically range from about 37 in the daytime to 19 overnight. Annual precipitation averages 17 inches of snow and 9 inches of rain. Residents enjoy sunny skies nearly 300 days annually, and the air is dry and clear.

**Churches and Civic Groups** - There are nearly 70 local religious congregations representing 34 denominations. All major national service organizations, such as Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Optimists as well as professional societies and youth groups are found here.

**Schools** - There are seven Elementary schools, two Junior highs, two Senior highs, one Alternative Junior and High School, and six private and parochial schools. Twin Falls also offers an outstanding Junior College, the College of Southern Idaho. A new fine arts center at the college brings internationally recognized Arts on Tour events to the community throughout the year. In addition, classes and limited degrees are available from Idaho State University, Boise State University, University of Idaho and Northwest Nazarene College.

**Health Services** - St Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and two immediate care centers are available as well as clinics offering a variety of general and specialty medical practices.

**Housing costs** – There is a large variety of housing available for sale in Twin Falls and the surrounding area. A three bedroom, 2 bath family dwelling is available in the price range of \$120,000 to \$300,000.

**Getting here** - Twin Falls is located just south of the intersection of Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 93. Magic Valley Regional Airport serves Twin Falls and surrounding communities. Skywest Airlines, a Delta connector, offers direct flights each day to Salt Lake International Airport. Twin Falls also has Greyhound bus service.

**Amenities** - Twin Falls offers a number of well developed and maintained city parks and a number of organized events, hiking trails, water skiing, boating and the 212-foot Shoshone Falls. Outstanding outdoor recreation opportunities are just a short drive from Twin Falls. These include the Craters of the Moon National Monument, City of Rocks National Reserve, the Sawtooth National Forest and a number of state parks.

**Other information about the area is available at:**

[www.twinfallschamber.com](http://www.twinfallschamber.com)

[www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com).

**For additional information you may contact:**

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**Outreach Notice Form:**

If interested, please complete the Outreach Form and send via e-mail to [rnourse@fs.fed.us](mailto:rnourse@fs.fed.us) or fax to: (208) 727-3236. Please respond by December 30, 2013.

Yes, I am interested in the following position:

<b>Position Title/Series/Grade:</b> Natural Resource Specialist GS-0401-12/13 (Recreation, Lands, and Information Resources Staff Officer)
<b>Location:</b> Sawtooth NF Supervisor's Office, Twin Falls, Idaho
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